

March 22, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES FOR MISSIONS—Scott Kincaid—"NRV Sleep in Heavenly Peace"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Makes a new covenant with us.

People: We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

Leader: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.

People: those who believe in Christ will never die.

All: Let us worship the lord of the resurrection!

*HYMN #401 *"Here in This Place" (Gather Us In)*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI 581

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM *"The Garden"* by, Derek Healey

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8: 6-11

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN SERMON

Patty Oakley

SERMON *"The Spirit is Life"*

Rev. Dr. Morgan Whitfield, Jr.

*HYMN #314 *"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 35 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy

catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #305 *"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

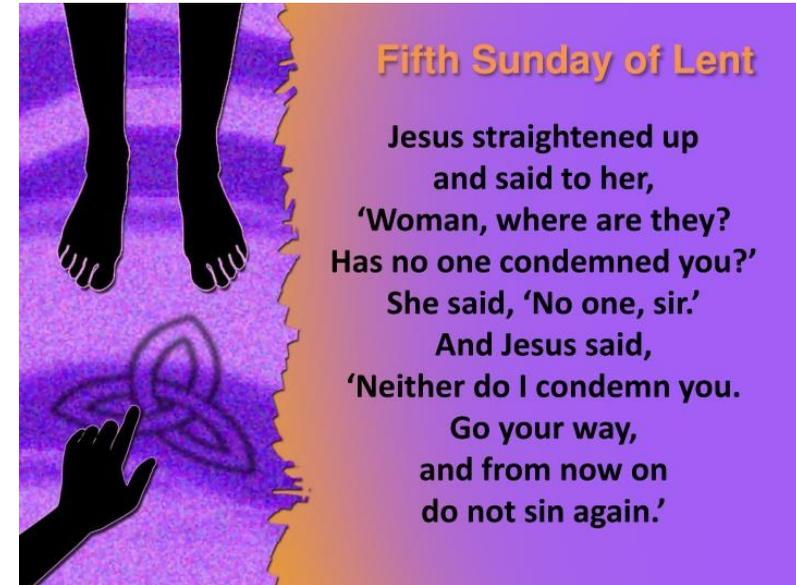
(ASTERISK* please stand in body or spirit. BOLD indicates congregational response)

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Session

David A. Young, Clerk of the Session

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REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

CONGREGATION: Richard Robertson, Linda Coyle, Sherry & Ty Oxley, Jim Coulthard, Judy Hood.

FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION: Al & Eleanor Harris (friends of Jimmie Parish), Trey and Christina Wall (son & daughter in law of Dot Wall), Elizabeth Klein (friend of Steve Willis), John Simmons (friend of Charlie & Wilma Allen), Lori Abercrombie Wills (friend of Dot Wall), Asa Peeples (grandson of Don Makin), Nancy Zingelmann (resident of Highland Ridge Nursing Home), David Coulthard (brother of Jim Coulthard), Bobby Jenkins (Uncle to Jill Alderman), Dick & Laura Stanton (Gwen Whitfield's parents), Mark & Vickie Williams (friends of Dot Wall), Heath Puckett (friend of Coley Thomas), Robert Morris (commissioned lay pastor of Old Brick Presbyterian Church and friend of Whisonant's), Mary Ann Williams (friend of Diane Bibb), David Dawson & Family (friend of Coley Thomas), The Raccuia Family (friend of Owen Dunn), Chris Hill (friend of Pam Valet), Granddaughter of Tommy Brewer (friend of Dan Gardiner).

Head Ushers for March 2026

March 1, 8 BJ Munsey
March 15, 22, 29 Carol White

Head Ushers for April 2026

April 5, 12 Hugh Miller
April 19, 26 John Herndon

March 22 – coffee Group 2 after service

Pack Easter Baskets after service

4 pm Pack for Necessities Pantry

March 24th -2 pm @PCR-Lent Reading

March 28 – 10 am – Necessities Pantry

March 29th – 4pm – Radford University Choir-PCR sanctuary (2026 Concert Series)

April 2nd – 7 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

April 4th -1 pm – Decorate the cross in Fellowship Hall. Please bring some flowers for the Easter Cross.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Masking in Worship—Masking in worship and Sunday School will be optional. This policy is subject to change if there is another surge in COVID.

Easter Baskets for the Children's Home of the Highlands will be packed by Fellowship Circle after worship on March 22. The home currently has six girls, five boys, and three young adults as residents. We are asking for donations of Easter candy, snacks, small toys and any other appropriate gifts for the baskets. As usual, there are labeled boxes in the church office and parlor for donations. Thank You!

The Missions committee is looking into becoming involved with the group **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**, whose motto is *"No child sleeps on the floor in our town"*. SLP is a national organization with over 325 chapters across the country. The NRV chapter has delivered over 1500 beds in the last 5 years, **169 in Radford/Fairlawn**. The goal of this organization is to provide beds for children who currently do not have them or have to share with parents or siblings. The organization provides a Cargo style wooden bed, a mattress, complete linen and comforter set and pillow for each child (age 3-17). Local groups like PCR can help by sponsoring a "bed build", or by donating full bedding sets, and doing bed deliveries/assembly at the homes of families who qualify. More details to follow about how PCR may become involved.

Pastor Morgan & Gwen will be in Atlanta GA for the NCAA Championship on March 23-March 30. Rev. Don Makin will be bringing the message on March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday. **On Palm Sunday we will meeting at 10:30 in the garden beside Grace Episcopal Church.**

Students enrolled in Dr. Bernardini's "Singing for the Stage" class will present a workshop production of *"If Elected,"* a musical in two acts written by Bruce Mahin. Several members of our choir will be singing lead roles. This musical satire on presidential campaigns will be presented in Davis Hall in the Covington Center at **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24** and a second performance will be held in Covington Center Room 138 at **5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26.**

Presbyterian Church of Radford Concert Series.

March 29th—4:00 pm—Radford University Choir will be performing in PCR sanctuary all are WELCOME. Interim Director of Choral Activities Ryan C. Rogers.

The Session of PCR has selected a **chair lift** to install in the stairs leading down to the kitchen and fellowship hall. The **lift will cost \$20,000**. While we have received some seed donations for this project, we are opening up a capital campaign to support this new accessibility option. If you would like to donate, please write Chair Lift in the memo of your check or speak to Mary in the office. If you would like to see photos and details about the plans, please speak to John Herndon.

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